



LEGAL NOTICE

**REQUEST FOR BID
SEALED BID 14-086**

For

Mailing System

For

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI**

St. Charles County is seeking bids for **Mailing System**. The county reserves the right to terminate the contract for any violation, by the successful bidder, of any term or condition of the contract by giving ninety (90) days written notice stating the reasons therefore and giving the party time to remedy any deficiencies.

BID INSTRUCTIONS

One [1] signed original and one [1] signed copy of the bid must be received in a sealed envelope plainly marked “**14-086 Mailing System**” with the date and time of the bid opening in the lower left corner of the envelope.

An authorized representative of the company/person submitting the bid must sign the bid, in blue ink.

Bids must be submitted to the St. Charles County Finance Department, 201 North Second Street Room 541 St. Charles MO 63301 prior to the bid opening.

Bid opening will be on 3/26/2014 at 10:00 AM , in of the St. Charles County Administration Building, 201 North Second Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

St. Charles County reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

Bid results may be obtained by emailing a request to the St. Charles County Purchasing Manager at purchasing@sccmo.org, **no phone calls please**. Include the name and number of the bid and date of the bid opening when requesting the results. The time it takes for final bid results to be made public depends on the complexity of the project and the cost of the project.

BID INQUIRIES

Any questions or clarifications concerning this Request for Bid must be submitted in writing via E-mail (preferred), mail or fax to:

Kurt Mandernach, Purchasing Manager
St. Charles County Government
Finance Department
201 North Second St
St. Charles, Missouri 63301
Fax: (636)949-7589
purchasing@sccmo.org

Technical inquiries concerning the specifications should be made to:

Kathy Bull, Printing/Mail Supervisor
St. Charles County Government
Facilities Management-Building Services
201 North Second St
St. Charles, Missouri 63301
Fax: (636)949-1895
kbull@sccmo.org

- The bid number and title shall be referenced on all correspondence.
- All questions must be received no later than **5:00 PM** on **03/20/2014**. Any question received after this deadline may not be answered.

Responses to questions/clarifications will be placed on the County's website <http://finance.sccmo.org/finance>. Check this website frequently for updates and any addendum that are issued.

Prohibited Communication

Contact with any representative, other than through the procedure outlined in the section titled “Bid Inquiries”, concerning this request is prohibited PRIOR TO BID OPENING. Representative shall include, but not be limited to, all elected and appointed officials, and employees of St. Charles County and their Agents within St. Charles County. Any Offeror engaging in such prohibited communications prior to Bid Opening may be disqualified at the sole discretion of St. Charles County.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- St. Charles County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts of a bid and waive technicalities, and to adjust quantities.
- All bids will be considered final. No additions, deletions, corrections, or adjustments will be accepted after the time of bid opening.
- All delivery costs or charges must be included in the F.O.B. destination bid price.
- City, County and State of Missouri Sales Tax and Federal Taxes are not applicable to sales made to St. Charles County and must be excluded.
- The contract shall be effective for the approximate twelve (12) month period from the date of the notice of award.
- The electronic version of this bid/RFP is available upon request. The document was entered into WORD for Microsoft Windows. The Purchasing Office does not guarantee the completeness and accuracy of any information provided on the electronic version. Therefore, respondents are cautioned that the hard copy of this bid/RFP on file in the Purchasing Office governs in the event of a discrepancy between the information contained in or on the electronic version and that which is on the hard copy.
- Vendors are required to clearly identify any deviations from the specifications in this document.
- An authorized officer of the company submitting the bid must sign all bids, in blue ink.
- Vendors must submit two [2] signed copies of their bid; one is to be an original and so marked.
- All prices and notations must be in blue ink or typewritten on the attached form. Mistakes must be crossed out, corrections typed adjacent and must be initialed in blue ink by the person signing the bid.
- St. Charles County will not award any bid to an individual or business having any outstanding amounts due from a prior Contract or business relationship with the County or who owes any amount(s) for delinquent Federal, State or Local taxes, fees and licenses.
- Sealed proposals received after the designated time of the receipt of the sealed proposals will be considered as “No Bid” and “Void” and will not be opened.

- The successful bidder is specifically denied the right of using in any form or medium the names of St. Charles County or any other public entity within the St. Charles County for public advertising unless express written permission is granted.
- All bidders must possess the necessary and appropriate business and/or professional licenses in their field.
- Award will be made to the low responsive, responsible bidder, or to the offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, price and other factors considered including geographic location. When payments are to be made to the County, award will be made to the most advantageous offer.
- County reserves the right to accept any item or group of items offered, unless the bidder qualifies his bid by specific limitations. The bid can be on an "all or none" basis if wording in the bid so states and if all items solicited are included in the bid.
- When applicable, provide unit prices and extension prices. Where there is disagreement in the unit and extension prices, the unit price shall govern.

Employment of Unauthorized Aliens Prohibited (Missouri Revised Statutes Section 285.530)

As a condition for the award of any contract or grant in excess of five thousand dollars by St. Charles County to a business entity, the business entity shall, by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation**, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program (**E-Verify**) with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services. Every such business entity shall sign an affidavit affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. [RSMO 285.530 (2)]

An employer may enroll and participate in a federal work authorization program (**E-Verify**) and shall verify the employment eligibility of every employee in the employer’s hire whose employment commences after the employer enrolls in a federal work authorization program. The employer shall retain a copy of the dated verification report received from the federal government. Any business entity that participates in such program shall have an affirmative defense that such business entity has not violated subsection 1 of this section. [RSMO 285.530 (4)]

Any entity contracting with St. Charles County shall only be required to provide the referenced affidavit on an annual basis. A copy of the affidavit is included in this bid request. Vendors may choose to send the required documentation using one of the following options:

- Send the notarized affidavit and E-Verify MOU signature page to: St. Charles County, Attn: Purchasing Manager, 201 N Second Street, Room 541, St. Charles, MO 63301 prior to responding to any solicitations; **OR**
- Send the notarized affidavit and E-Verify MOU signature page along with a bid solicitation response.

These documents will be kept on file. The notarized affidavit and E-Verify MOU signature page will remain current for **one year** from the date of the notarized affidavit.

**** PLEASE NOTE:**

Acceptable enrollment and participation documentation consists of a valid copy of the signature page of the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, completed and signed by the Contractor, and the Department of Homeland Security - Verification Division

The online address to enroll in the E-verify program is:

<https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/StartPage.aspx?JS=YES>

Open Records

Any and all information contained in or submitted with the bid becomes a public record subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law when the bids are opened. If the bidder believes that any information contained in or submitted with the bid is protected from disclosure by the Missouri Sunshine Law, the bidder must clearly identify what information the bidder believes is so protected and must also clearly identify the legal basis therefor.

Bid Specification

Solicitation: St. Charles County Government is soliciting bids from Respondents that are qualified, responsible, and willing to provide the following Goods and/or Services in compliance with all solicitation specifications and requirements contained herein.

General Description: To provide St. Charles County Government with a mail processing system that shall meet all USPS regulations as per specifications called for herein.

Requirements:			
Description	Meets Specs	Exceeds Specs	Not available or does not meet specs
All equipment must be new; no used or remanufactured equipment will be accepted.			
System to include mail machine, meter, 30 lb. interfaced scale.			
System to include compatible machine base with leveling legs (adjustable legs an option).			
System to include power stacker that adjusts to the stack of collected mail.			
System to include computer necessary for advanced operating features such as USPS domestic and international mail classes or capabilities to do daily and monthly billing..			
All necessary calibrations, USPS rate changes and equipment software update pricing are to be included in bid.			
If meter rental charges apply, must be included in bid.			
Delivery and installation (at a time to be agreed upon) should include on-site training and set up for several operators with additional training as needed in the first year.			
System shall be current with all USPS indicia requirements.			
System must process mail at speeds of at least 180 pieces per minute using #10 standard envelopes.			
System to include "auto feed" and process mixed weight mail with thickness up to 1/2" in seal or non-seal mode and include oversized feeder for processing flat mail up to 10"x15" envelopes.			
System must handle postcards with ease.			
System must seal nested and un-nested envelopes and include "seal only" and "no seal" feature.			
Postage meter must have ability to be reset remotely via phone line/modem with all reset fees included			
Meter must be able to print postage to the third decimal point.			
System must be able to produce meter tapes as well as allow for multiple tape dispensing.			
System to include an item counter and be able to track a minimum of 100 accounts for all accounting purposes providing count of number of pieces and total cost per account on both daily and cumulative monthly basis (Include samples of each of these print outs and information on other accounting features).			

System to include high value/low funds warning and timer to ensure machine returns to default setting.			
System must provide a minimum of eight job presets for operational simplicity.			
Automatic date advancement feature required.			
Security pin code required			

Provide the following with bid:

- Warranty terms and coverage
- Postage payment options for adding postage
- List all consumables (with pricing) needed to operate machine properly. Include usage levels or lifetime expectancy for proper machine usage, along with sole source documentation for supplies, if applicable.
- Cost of maintenance for five years after expiration of warranty. Include:
 - a. Maximum on-site response time
 - b. Preventative maintenance schedule
 - c. Number of local qualified, factory authorized trained technicians available
 - d. Sole source documentation for maintenance coverage if applicable
- Dimensions of equipment and set up requirements. A detailed description of electrical requirements or considerations for the successful operation of the system should be listed.
- Trade-in value of current Hasler WJ220 equipment.

Options:

- Multi carrier (i.e. Fedex, UPS) shipping software costs
- Postal inscriptions or envelope advertisement
- Electronic return receipt scanner and activation kit

The County reserves the right to request a product demonstration (at no cost to County) prior to making final award decision. Site demonstration must be within a 25 mile range of the St. Charles County Administration building located at 201 N Second St., St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Exception Sheet

If the item(s) and/or services proposed in the response to this bid is in any way different from that contained in this proposal or bid, the bidder is responsible to clearly identify all such differences in the space provided below. Otherwise, it will be assumed that the bidder's offer is in total compliance with all aspects of the proposal or bid.

Below are the exceptions or differences to the stated specifications (attach additional sheets as needed):

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

BID FORM

SB 14-086

Mailing System

BID OPENING DATE: 3/26/2014 at 10:00 AM

(Bidder name)

Submits the following bid for this project:

Price for Mailing System \$ _____

**Less trade in allowance for current
Hasler WJ220 equipment** \$ _____

Total Bid Price \$ _____

Make and model of product bid: _____

Consumables:

- 1) _____ \$ _____
- 2) _____ \$ _____
- 3) _____ \$ _____
- 4) _____ \$ _____

(Attach additional pages if needed)

Maintenance Cost:

First Year (after warranty) \$ _____
Second Year \$ _____
Third Year \$ _____
Fourth Year \$ _____
Fifth Year \$ _____

Bid price shall include delivery of equipment to:

**Kathy Bull
201 N. Second St.
Room 239
St. Charles, Mo. 63301**

Contact Kathy Bull at (636)949-7900 ext.1891 to schedule delivery.

Is product in stock and available for immediate shipment to the County? _____

Number of days required for shipment ARO? _____

Guaranteed Date of Shipment: _____

Authorized signature

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ENCLOSED WITH THE BID

Audit Clause for Contracts

Examination of Records

The Contractor's records must include, but not be limited to, accounting records (hard copy, as well as computer readable data), written policies and procedures, subcontractor files, indirect cost records, overhead allocation records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda, and any other data relating to this contract shall be open to inspection and subject to audit and/or reproduction by the County Auditor, or a duly authorized representative from the County, at the County's expense. The contractor must preserve all such records for a period of three years, unless permission to destroy them is granted by the County, or for such longer period as may be required by law, after the final payment. Since the Contractor is not subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law (Chapter 610, RSMo), information regarding the Contractor's operations, obtained during audits, will be kept confidential.

The Contractor will require all subcontractors under this contract to comply with the provisions of this article by including the requirements listed above in written contracts with the subcontractors.

Vendor Information

Company Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Hours: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

(Indicates acceptance of all bid terms and conditions)

Date: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION

The bidder/contractor who meets the section 285.525, RSMo definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now _____ (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as
_____(Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm
_____(Business Entity Name) is enrolled
and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to
employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the
services related to contract(s) with the County for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded in
accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that _____
_____(Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly
employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services provided to
the contract(s) for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)

Authorized Representative's Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

E-Mail Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ of _____. I am
(DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)

commissioned as a notary public within the County of _____, State of
(NAME OF COUNTY)

_____, and my commission expires on _____.
(NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

Signature of Notary

Date

EXHIBIT A

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY
DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT (BUY AMERICAN)**

The Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act (34.350-34.359 RSMo) requires that for all bids with a value of \$25,000 or more, the goods or commodities purchased by any public agency (which definition includes all political subdivisions of the State, including counties) or used or supplied in the construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of any public works must be **manufactured or produced** in the United States. As defined in 34.350 RSMo, United States means the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and all territories and possessions subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The law also requires that the bidder must provide proof of compliance. **Note: In general, if an import tariff is applied to an item, it does not qualify for the Buy American preference. In addition, Most Favored Nation status does not allow application of the preference.**

Section A – All Products Are Manufactured or Produced In U.S.

If all products bid qualify as domestic products under Missouri law, complete only Section A.

I hereby certify that all products qualify as domestic, that the information provided is true and correct, and complies with all provisions of Sections 34.350-34.359 RSMo. I understand that any misrepresentation herein constitutes the commission of a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 34.355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
SIGNATURE
COMPANY NAME

If Section A is completed, do not complete Section B.

Section B – Only One Product Line or No Products Are Manufactured or Produced In U.S.

If only one product line or no products are manufactured or produced in the U.S. complete only section B.

I hereby certify that there is only one product line or no product manufactured or produced in the U.S., that the information provided is true and correct, and complies with all provisions of Sections 34.350-34.359 RSMo. I understand that any misrepresentation herein constitutes the commission of a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 34.355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
SIGNATURE
COMPANY NAME

Section C – Products May Qualify Because of Qualifying Treaty

If some or all products bid qualify for domestic status because of a trade treaty, etc., then the bidder must identify each product, country and qualifying treaty, etc. below. The bidder must list ALL products which are or may qualify as domestic below. If more space is needed, please copy this form and submit as an attachment.

BID ITEM NUMBER(S)	COUNTRY WHERE MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED	QUALIFYING TREATY, LAW, AGREEMENT, OR REGULATION

SECTION C

I hereby certify that the specific items listed above are domestic, that the information provided is true and correct, and complies with all provisions of Sections 34.350-34.359 RSMo. I understand that any misrepresentation herein constitutes the commission of a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 34.355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
SIGNATURE
COMPANY NAME